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# DISTRICT 1 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ADVISORY LETTER

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This letter has been designed to enhance the District's Division of Transportation Planning and Local Assistance relationship with Local Agencies and Tribal Governments. We are aiming to provide local agencies and tribal governments with a basic reference for pertinent information and reminders. Below you will find deadlines for grant applications, training and development opportunities, and a tip of the month. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on how this letter could better serve you, please feel free to contact [jan\\_bulinski@dot.ca.gov](mailto:jan_bulinski@dot.ca.gov).

## **New Developments**

Transportation Planning has completed the process of reorganizing! Local Assistance is teamed up with Regional Planning under Jan Bulinski as Chief, Local Assistance and Regional Planning. Rex Jackman is the Chief, Systems and Community Planning. Jerome Washington is now the Associate Environmental Planner for Local Assistance. Please give him a call regarding the environmental process.

## **Upcoming Training**

### November

Context Sensitive Solutions Training in D2, Redding on Nov 1-3, for those who missed the D1 Training.

Refresher Course on Section 106 Cultural Resources on November 7, at the Redding district office from 1-4 pm.

Storm Damage training TBD

## **Transportation Planning Program Update**

### **Local Assistance Programs**

#### **Exchange-Match:**

No report

#### **Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR):**

Check in to make sure you are on schedule and your bridge is included in the FSTIP.

#### **Transportation Enhancements (TE):**

05/06 projects will need their allocations by July 2006.

#### **Hazard Elimination Safety (HES):**

Congratulations to Del Norte County and Lake County for award of their 2005/2006 HES projects. Over 400 applications were received statewide, with 72 projects receiving funding. Good news for future HES program cycles, passage of the new Transportation Act, SAFETEA-LU, should result in additional funds for this program. Also, keep an eye out for the newly

revised HES Program Guidelines to be released shortly, which will reflect the provisions of the new Act.

**Emergency Relief (ER):**

Make sure you have a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program if you want to participate in this federal program in the event of a disaster. A DBE program is also required if you want to Authorize Federal funds this year.

**Public Lands Highway (PLH):**

No report

**Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM):**

The CTC is allocating PPM funds so make sure you're standing in line.

**Environmental, Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM):**

This cycle went unfunded.

**Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA):**

Still awaiting announcement of the 2005/2006 recipients. BTA applications for the 2006/2007 cycle are due December 1, 2005.

**State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP):**

Local Assistance can review fact and funding sheets for the new STIP cycle!! Just send them in for a second set of eyes on the programming.

**Safe Routes to School (SR2S):**

State funds were made available to exchange with the federal dollars for all Cycle 6 projects!

On September 9, 2004 Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 1087 (Soto) extending the Safe Routes to School program for three more years. The SR2S program is now scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2008.

The future looks bright for the SR2S program due to the passage of Safetea-Lu, which should result in additional funding for this program.

**Transit & Community Planning Grants**

**Community Based Transportation Planning (CBTP) and  
Environmental Justice (EJ) Grants**

HQ is currently reviewing CBTP and EJ grant applications for the 04/05 FY and 05/06 FY. Successful applicants will likely be announced this fiscal year. Because of the budget constraints of last year, the 04/05-application period was put off until the time that the 05/06 FY cycle was announced/released. In August 2005 at the CPG Workshop, it was announced that all CPG programs would use the same application and timeline. FY 2006/07 applications are due to the District by October 14, 2005 and to Sacramento by November 2005.

## **Mass Transit and Planning Transit Grants**

### **FTA Sec 5310 Special Transit Needs of Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Grant Program**

Fiscal Year 2005/06 Cycle announcement October 1, 2004; applications were due to Sacramento March 4, 2005. These have been ranked and awarded. A new cycle is expected to be announced this month, around October or November 2005.

### **FTA Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula (Regional Apportionment) Program**

Cycle 24 preliminary funding available to counties was released September 2005, for 2005/06 capital or operating assistance. The RTPA submits a Program of Projects by December 31st of each year. To be included in Grant 24, applications must be complete and in HQ by June 30, 2006.

### **FTA Section 5311 State Discretionary Reserve Program**

State Discretionary funds were distributed to 5311 recipients on a proportional basis in August 2005 along with the standard FTA Section 5311 Regional Apportionment "preliminary" notice. A formal notice is expected in October 2005.

### **FTA Section 5311(f) Inter-City Bus Program**

Cycle 14 funding announcement expected in April 2006, with applications due in June 2006.

### **FTA Section 5313(b) Transit Technical Assistance; Statewide Planning Studies; and Transit Professional Development Programs; and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Partnership Planning Program**

In August at the CPG Training, it was announced that FY 2006/07 applications are due October 14, 2005 to the Districts and to Sacramento in November 2005 for review. Awards expected in 2006. Also, all CPG applications will now use the same application and timeline.

**\*\*Disclaimer:** Not all agencies are eligible for all funding programs. Please contact your program coordinator at Caltrans for further information.